



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia

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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today.
God's richest blessings to you all.

SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Robert Thomas
5.00pm Contemporary Service
followed by a meal in the hall.

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Robert Thomas

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Epiphany 6)
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20, Psalm 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9, Matthew 5: 21-37

NEXT WEEK (Transfiguration of Jesus)
Exodus 24: 12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1: 16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9

KEY VERSE

"Simply let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No", "No": anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Matthew 5: 37"

BARWON HEADS NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN: If anyone would like to prayer, could you please contact Meryl Hanson on 0438 398 506, and she will add you to our prayer chain.

CHURCH COUNCIL met this week for the first time in 2020 and Treasurer Doug Whan reported on the full 2019 results. As expected, there were ups and downs but the overall analysis showed a \$23 difference between the budgeted and actual profit for the year! Thanks to Doug for his work for us along with his Presbytery responsibilities.

COUNCIL looked at maintenance issues in and outside the Church and the hall as well as for the grounds with a view to compiling a list of priorities. Please pass on any suggestions to Council members (i.e. Ian and Lydia Cover, Greg and Helen Carruthers, Andrew Balaam, Doug Whan and Geoff Tamblyn).

THE COMBINED CHURCHES of Barwon Heads also met during the week. The group meets in February and August to share information and ideas, two of which have been the Crosses placed in front of each church at Easter and the Nativity scenes produced for Christmas. The meeting heard that each Church has received very positive feedback about these initiatives.

FOLLOWING the success of the Combined Service last October, it was agreed the next Combined Service will be held again at Barwon Heads Uniting Church on **Sunday the 17th of May at 5.00pm** followed by dinner in the hall.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on **Friday March the 6th at 2.00pm. All welcome.**

**All welcome to morning tea
in the Church Hall after the Service.**

CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S GEELONG SUNDAY MARCH 1ST 3.00PM

**Olivier Bonnici and Wendy Rechenberg
St. Paul's Anglican Church, LaTrobe Terrace Geelong**

Relax, dream and be inspired as violinist Olivier Bonnici and pianist Wendy Rechenberg play Bach, Mozart, and Kreisler.

**Cash at the door \$20/\$15
Enquiries 0451 960 768**

THINKING AHEAD

In order to make next year's autumn **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** special, **why not plant something** right now?

Even if you are not a gardener or do not have a garden, plant something in a pot. Even if you grow only one zucchini or one potato, the point is that you will have grown it and harvested it, and be truly thankful for the gifts of sun, soil, rain and the magic of God weaves into a seed that makes it sprout and grown and bear fruit.

If your "crop" comes too early, then bottle, pickle or otherwise preserve it for the Thanksgiving Service.

But **start NOW**.

Shalom Bob.

Hi Dianne, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads

How is everyone doing? We all hope you had a happy new year! Celine has just started year 9 and I have started year 7. We miss you all very very much and want to come see everyone soon.

Mum and Dad are doing well in church as well and we are praying for all of you and miss you all very much. We all miss the fetes, garage sales, the opp shop and especially the Congregations. We will pray that everyone is safe and healthy!

Hope everyone is doing well and we will try come visit you all very soon. Miss you all very much.

Love Helen Park and family.

If you would like to email Helen her address is

hhp2007@icloud.com

We are fast approaching Lent (it begins on March 4th.) Bob can offer something reasonably unique in the way of Bible Study as he is (he thinks) the last surviving accredited facilitator in the Synod for the Nexus program, which was run by the UCA's Division of Field Services in the 90's. if anyone wants to gather people together for a series of six-weekly 2-hour sessions, he is available to lead. Groups need to have a minimum of 8 people to function well, but not more than 20. bob can be available on any day, including Sunday, and he prefers meeting in homes rather than in the church buildings.

Please contact Bob asap if you are interested.

Contact details on the front of the newsletter.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: A decision on what worthy causes we will be supporting this year will be made at the next Elders Meeting. If you have a cause you think we should support please let one of the Elders know. Thank you to all who gave so generously last year.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) call Robin Munro on 4202 0323

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER church service will be held on Friday March the 6th at 10.00am in the church. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service. This is an ecumenical service so invite your friends, neighbours and family to this special world wide time of worship.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards, phoned or visited me while I was "away on holidays". Not really but it is great to be back home, even though I have to use a walker in the house and crutches going up and down stairs. Will see you all at church sometime soon, as I cannot drive with a moon boot on my left foot and a manual car!
Shalom Dianne

SAD NEWS: Gillian Ryan has had a fall and broken her wrist. When we received this message she was in University Hospital and with another setback of an infection in her gall bladder has had two surgeries in a very short time. By the time of printing this notice Gillian should be at McKellar Centre for Rehab. Please keep Gillian, Don and their family in your prayers.

NEW COMMITTEE for *the dove* Opportunity Shop: At the AGM held on Friday February the 7th a new Committee was elected. The members are Chairperson: Dianne Sapwell, Secretary: Gonni Runia, Treasurer Maria Mueleman, Internal Shop Co-Ordinator Patricia Beesley, General Committee members Jon Harvie, Robin Munro, Lesley Pope. Lesley is also Roster administrator. Thank you to all retiring Committee for their tireless work on behalf of the dove. Diane Prowse, Gayle Sydenham, Rita Nash, Heather Spry, Noelene Hames, Irene Cooke, David Reid and Lorraine Burbridge.